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GROW GIBLIN'S
GLADIOLI



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To My Old Customers and New Friends.

IN OFFERING this my 1923 catalogue for your consideration, my policy is to urge people to grow the best but not to pose as an authority. What constitutes the best is a matter of opinion for the individual to decide and this can only be done by observation or word picture.

It is not a question of price but one of selection for I have seen people rave about Panama and not care for other pinks costing dollars more. While most people like all colors they usually have a preference for one or two so my suggestion is to make comparisons and then discard undesirable varieties.

As Gladioli have such characteristics as to size of bloom and spike and ways of use, that one must consider if for house or garden effect and color in each instance. To help the buyer select their particular color, I have arranged my lists in separate colors but have a very select mixture of all colors.

The varieties I list are those my experience tells me are among the best; and if you really enjoy growing flowers you will have the best. When making your selection please remember the varieties offered and the prices asked are for first size bulbs and flowering plants.

With this understanding I solicit your business with the hope of giving entire satisfaction or refunding your money. Postage is paid on 12 bulbs or 6 plants in the United States.

CULTURE

It is true the Gladiolus will grow in any soil offering an existence and so will a human being exist under the poorest of conditions but if each were given the proper conditions in which to live and grow how much healthier and finer they would develop. **THE BETTER CARE THE GREATER THE REWARD.** Grow in good soil, plant four inches deep and double the diameter apart if for mass effect. Keep the top soil loose and free from weeds. When up three inches apply powdered sheep manure and give plenty of water. As bud is formed give more manure to intensify the color. When cutting bloom, always allow about four leaves to remain on the plant. Dig bulbs any time before ground freezes and stalk is yet green. Cut the stalk close to bulb and dry well before storing in the cellar which must be frost proof and not below 40 degrees. The sooner cleaned the better. Remove the old bulb and roots, but not the out side skin.

EFFECTIVE USE OF GLADIOLI

To hide the barrenness of the ground, sow the annual Baby's Breath (*Gypsophila*) as a carpet flower. The snowwhite blooms are always a pleasing contrast to the existing shades in Gladioli. As the flowers last about three weeks, make sowings every two weeks in the same spot up to time of the first bloom. Thereafter, they reseed themselves for the balance of the season.

Many of the cream and yellow varieties, particularly Niagara combine beautifully with lavender Phlox and Ageratum. Another lovely picture is to combine a dark brown red Salpiglossis as the background and a hardy purple Phlox in front. The cream varieties also blend well with a lavender hardy Aster. For a striking contrast, use evergreens for a background with the tall red varieties.

The keeping qualities of the Gladiolus as a cut flower are quite remarkable. If the spike is cut early in the morning when color is noticed on the first bud, put in hot water for a minute and then in cold with daily fresh changes, cutting the ends a trifle while in the fresh water, all the buds will open and last over a week. It is claimed that if the very end bud is pinched off it enables the others to open larger.

For house decoration the Gladiolus lends itself admirably. With its great variety of colors to choose from, one can always find flowers to blend with any room. If there is a blue room, try a vase of Alice Tiplady, and you will be pleased. Also use a few spikes of Delphinium Belladonna with this variety and you have another pleasing effect. For a change, try a vase of Proserpine and again you will be delighted with the harmony of color. A good combination with most any one of the pink varieties, is to use a few sprays of Delphinium Belladonna. Use Alice Tiplady with Mr. Mark or Herada, Golden Glory with any purple and Proserpine with Niagara.

For table use, a few spikes separately of Liss, Red Emperor, Mrs. Watt, Pink Wonder, Herada and etc., are always attractive, or make your own combinations to blend with furnishings.

PINK VARIETIES

AMERICA—Is a soft delicate shade of lavender pink blending. 50 cents per dozen.

AMERICAN BEAUTY—Brilliant American Beauty color, with creamy yellow throat; one spike opening a large number of flowers at one time, forms an immense bouquet of beauty, \$2.00 each.

EVELYN KIRTLAND—This variety grows very tall, hence is most majestic for garden effects. The blooms are an intense rosy pink. The edges are somewhat reflexed, the darker, blending to shell pink at throat with brilliant scarlet blotch on lower petals. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

ELSE ROSE—Cattleya pink, a blending of rose-pink shading out to white, with creamy yellow throat; orchid flowering; extra fine. \$1.00 each.

GRETCHEN ZANG—A pleasing color of salmon flesh shading lighter toward the throat. The petals on the outside are darker, while the lower ones have a deep coral red blotch, blending to a lavender flesh throat with midribs of cardinal red. A tall grower, 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

PANAMA—A very soft tone of rose pink. The open blooms are large and attractive set on a strong spike. \$.50 per dozen.

PROSERPINE—To lovers of deep cerise pink, I strongly recommend this variety. As a cut flower, a vase of these gives life and charm to any room. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

HALLEY—The spike is very graceful with giant blooms of coral pink, having a blotch of creamy white in throat. 50 cents per dozen.



PINK WONDER

ing effect. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

ROSE ASH—An exquisite old rose, blended with ashes of roses; finely fluted and ruffled; wonderful in form and color; a very unusual flower that attracts when seen. \$1.00 each; 8.00 per dozen.

MYRTLE—A tender and delicate rose pink, one of the best found in a Gladiolus. Flowers of good size and form. Blooms early. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

PRINCE OF WALES—Some list it as salmon pink, but I consider it a clear buff with a glistening gold tint. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

DAWN—A magnificent flower of great size, many opening at a time. A delicate salmon, shading to white in centre, with a light stain of claret near throat. Very superior variety. 75 cents each, \$7.50 per dozen.

SPECIAL OFFER—One each of above, value \$6.55 for \$6.00

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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED NOW, STATE YOUR WANTS AND I WILL
QUOTE PRICES

CREAM AND YELLOW VARIETIES

LOVELINESS—A soft creamy pink, blending to a cream throat, which is penciled with rosy crimson. The petals also have a few slight flecks of rose; making an exquisite flower on a strong spike that is most effective. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

SCHWABIN—A soft sulphur yellow, with a brownish red blotch on the lower petal. Very strong grower and excellent for garden effect. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

NIAGARA—The leader of the cream colored varieties. Large bloom with a fine pencil mark of crimson in the throat. The purple stamens and the pale carmine stigmas, effectively bring out the color of the blooms. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

GOLD—A real golden yellow and considered by many the clearest yellow yet produced. The throat is a shade deeper, slightly dotted and streaked, nearly a self-color. Blooms are large and nicely placed. Very fine variety. Each \$2.00; 6 for \$10.

FLORA—Immense blooms of beautiful golden yellow. The spike is a stout grower on which the flowers arrange themselves in a most attractive way. 35 cents each; \$3.50 per dozen.

GOLDEN MEASURE—A particularly fine clear pure light yellow with a golden sheen. The blooms open wide with Lily form and are slightly ruffled with tips reflexing. Has excellent substance making a very beautiful flower. \$3.00 each.

Special Offer—One each of above, value \$5.65 for \$5.00.

RED VARIETIES

CRACKER JACK—A pretty velvety bloom of crimson carmine. Throat greenish yellow splashed amaranth and mauve. 50 cents per dozen.

RED EMPEROR—An intense deep scarlet of immense size. This one is most attractive and a long keeper. 20 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen.

MRS. VELTHUYS—A very good deep brilliant red. The blooms are large on a stout spike; will create a showy effect in the garden. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

MRS. WATT—An exceptionally fine flower. The color is a deep bright crimson, midribs on lower petals lighter. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

PRINCEPINE—A good carmine red with a white splash on lower petals. 50 cents per dozen.

WAR—The color is a deep blood red, shading to crimson, undoubtedly one of the largest reds offered today. A fine flower. 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen.

CRIMSON GLOW—Tall effective spike of extra large brilliant crimson blooms. A real red. 30 cents each; \$3.00 per dozen.

NEGERFURST—Here is a beauty. It is a very dark velvety red, overlaid thickly on outside and on edges with fine stripes of black-red. Has a small white throat, while lower petals are blotched white and striped finely with maroon. 40 cents each; \$4.00 dozen.

Special Offer—One of each of above, value \$1.35 for \$1.00.

WHITE VARIETIES

L'IMMACULEE—One of the best whites for garden effect as the spike is tall and shows many blooms open together. Very early. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

PEACE—A late bloomer and strong grower. The flowers are quite large with a lilac blotch on lower petals that is very effective. 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen.



WHITE WONDER

WHITE WONDER — This magnificent white is a descendant of the well-known and justly popular variety Mrs. Francis King and is endowed with all the good qualities of that splendid old variety. In growth it is fully as robust as King and of equally good habit in every respect. The flowers are pure white, without any markings in the throat, wide open, and often measuring up to $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter, well placed on the spike, five to six open at a time. 90 cents each; 9.00 per dozen.

ALBANIA—This is a most pleasing white variety. The color is of the purest glistening white, the flower wide open, four inches and over in diameter; petals are broad, with well-rounded tips, and the finely ruffled edges of the petals give to the individual flower an artistic finish such as is seldom seen in the Gladiolus. The flowers are correctly placed on the spike, and set just close enough together to close up the intervening spaces, making an ideal and the best white for floral designs ever originated. Five flowers open at a time, and a splendid keeper when cut. Height, four feet; 15 to 17 flowers to the spike; very healthy, vigorous grower. 60 cents each; \$6.00 per dozen.

CARMEN SYLVA—An excellent white for cutting. The throat is faintly penciled lilac, nearly a self color. The spike is straight and tall with the blooms nicely arranged. A lovely flower. 50 cents each \$5.00 per dozen.

MADAM SULLY—A beautiful creamy white with an orange red splash on the lower petals and throat. An unusual bloom. 50 cents each \$5.00 per dozen.

VIOLA—Here is an interesting color that makes a very attractive flower. It is a pure white with large blue spot on lower petals. 30 cents each; \$3.00 per dozen.

Special Offer—One each of above, value \$3.05 for \$2.75.

BLUE - PURPLE - LAVENDER VARIETIES

BARON JOS. HULOT—This variety is considered the most popular of its color. The blooms while not large, are a pleasing deep velvety purple, that blends well with yellow varieties. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

CONSPICUOUS—A good light blue and often called "The Pansy Glad", for the lower petal is a dark blue with a yellow blotch. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

KING OF THE BLUES—A flower that is very rare, but also very beautiful and striking. It is an extra fine deep blue. \$3.00 each.

MR. MARK—A foreign introduction of light blue with darker blotch in throat. Strong grower. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

HERADA—A tall grower with large blooms of a most beautiful glistening clear shade of mauve. Very superior flower. 20 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen; \$18.00 per 100.

ANNA EBERIUS—A very attractive, dark velvety raspberry purple with the throat of deeper shade. The spike grows quite tall and straight allowing the large blooms to appear very effective. 30 cents each; \$3.00 per dozen.

CATHARINA—A pleasing grayish light blue with brownish red spot. A fine pale blue. 80 cents each; \$7.00 per dozen.

MURIEL—An extra fine light blue with a darker spot on the lower petals. 35 cents each; \$3.50 per dozen.

POCAHONTAS—This is a satisfying color of carmine-purple with lemon-yellow throat. A blotch of plum-violet adds to its beauty. 25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.

TITANIC—A white line thru the center of lower petals makes this lilac-purple a very distinctive variety. Blooms are large when fully open. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

MARY FENNELL—A delicate shade that is sure to please where ever grown. It is deep lavender, shading lighter in throat, small white line thru center of each petal. Lower petals primrose yellow with pencilings of lavender. Blooms large and well expanded on a stout spike. 20 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen.

LOUISE—The blooms are large and well opened. The petals are a most exquisite shade of lavender, with a wine colored blotch extending into the throat. 50 cents each; \$5.00 per dozen.

Special Offer—One each of above, value \$3.25 (omitting King of the Blues \$3.00) for \$3.00.

PRIMULINUS HYBRIDS

This is a species of Gladiolus where stiffness and massiveness are completely lost, and gracefulness and airiness are substituted. They are a lovely flower for both house and garden effect, and win instant favor where ever seen. The spikes are about the thickness of a pencil, grow four feet high and are most graceful as they slightly bend. The flowers are not large like the regular kinds, but are small, hooded on top and set fairly apart on the stalk. The colors range from, palest yellow to deepest orange, from palest pink to intense salmon, and from rose to crimson. These Gladiolus shine forth in a most artistic way, and should be in every collection.

ALICE TIPLADY—Orange saffron. A beautiful flower. 30 cents each; \$3.00 per dozen.

GOLDEN GLORY—Large clear canary yellow. Grows quite tall and is beautiful in mass effect. 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen.

MAIDENS BLUSH—The finest pink in this class. A strong grower bearing large blooms of an exquisite shade of blush pink. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

ORANGE BRILLIANT—A rare blending of orange that is both interesting and attractive. Ideal as a cut flower. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen. Special Offer—One each of above, value \$.65 for \$.50.

PRIMULINUS HYBRIDS MIXED—This is a high grade mixture of hybrids containing such colors as yellow, orange, pink, rose and crimson. When planted in a mass they are very showy and effective, especially when the bees and butterflies hover around. 50 cents per dozen; \$3.75 per 100.

GIBLIN'S SPECIAL MIXTURE—All colors of the large flowering type are in this mixture. It is prepared and watched each season and does not contain any inferior varieties. 75 cents per dozen. \$5.50 per 100.

GIBLIN'S Two dollar Collection:

Herada	.20
Golden Glory	.10
Peace	.10
Mrs. Velthuys	.15
Niagara	.10
Schwabin	.10
Proserpine	.10
Evelyn Kirtland	.15
Maidens Blush	.15
Albania	.60
Madam Sully	.50
Cracker Jack	.05

One large bulb of each, Value \$2.30 for \$2.00

GIBLIN'S Five-dollar Collection:

Else Rose	1.00
Alice Tiplady	.30
Anna Eberius	.30
Conspicuous	.15
Pink Wonder	.90
Carmen Sylvia	.50
Viola	.30
Negerfurst	.40
Red Emperor	.20
Flora	.35
Loveliness	.10
Dawn	.75
Liss	.15
War	.10
Baron Hulor	.15

One large bulb of each, value \$5.65 for \$5.00